Assistance to Kamataka for Livestock Development

3885. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the center had approved a cattle breed improvement project of Kamataka Livestock Development Agency (KLDA) for 2003-04 and 2004-05;

(b) if so, the amount released by the Government in those years;

(c) whether there is any balance amount to be paid to the State Government; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefore and by when it would be released?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) Yes, Sir. Karnataka Livestock Development Agency (KLDA) is implementing National Project for Cattle and Buffalo Breeding in Karnataka from 2003-2004.

(b) to (d) A sum of Rs. 465.00 lakh and Rs. 394.00 lakh has been released to KLDA during 2003-2004 and 2004-2005 respectively. Further release of funds under the project will be made after the receipt of utilization certificate, annual progress report and audit certificate from the State for the funds released during 2004-2005.

Empowered Committee on Deep Sea Fishing

3886. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether an Empowered Committee on Deep Sea Fishing has been set up by Government;

(b) if so, the objectives of this Committee;

(c) whether fishing associations have been included in this Committee;

(d) if so, the details of its constitutions; and

(e) any other relevant information about it?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA) : (a) to (e) Yes, Sir. An Inter-Ministerial